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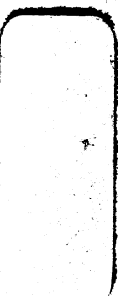
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CATHOLICISM AND PROTESTANTISM REVIEWED.

Catholicism and Protestantism in the War for Independence.

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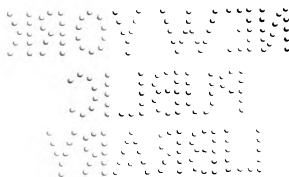
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ILLMO SIGNORE:

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La ringrazio pertanto in nome di Sua Santità dell' esemplare anzidetto e dei devoti sentimenti che l'accompagnavano, partecipandole insieme l' apostolica Benedizione che la Santità Sua Le ha con affetto impartito.

Dopo ciò mi è grato dichiararmele con sensi di perfetta stima.

Roma 14 Febbraio 1891.

Affmo per servirla

M. CARD. RAMPOLLA.

SIGR W. D. HUGHES,
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[Translation.]

DEAR SIR:

Your obliging letter of the 24th of January, together with your work entitled "*Civil and Religious Liberty*," has duly come to the venerable hands of the Holy Father.

As the sentiments of filial devotion expressed in the pamphlet just named leave no doubt that in writing said book you have been guided by the sound principles of the Catholic Church, and that it, therefore, will be fit, in a great measure, to serve the good cause. I beg to thank you in the name of His Holiness for the aforesaid copy and the pious feelings accompanying it, and feel great pleasure in communicating to you at the same time the Apostolic Benediction which His Holiness has kindly granted you.

I am happy to express to you my own feelings of highest esteem, with which I remain,

Yours truly,

M. CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

Rome, February 14th, 1891.

Mr. W. D. HUGHES,

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THE AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

THE author has divided his work into five parts; namely: Civil and Religious Liberty; Analysis of Protestantism; Catholicism and Protestantism Reviewed; Catholicism and Protestantism in the War for Independence; and Catholicism itself. He has labored with zeal in the hope of making his work instructive and edifying, and he trusts that he has attained the end sought.

In the work herewith presented, the author demonstrates that, owing to the *bad faith* of the Protestant element in this land to their Catholic fellow-citizens, and that, in violation of the Constitution of the United States, and in disregard for that equity and those amenities of life which men of good will ever extend to their fellow-men, this Republic, from its creation to this hour, has been a *fraud, a false pretense, a lie!* The author maintains that the Protestants of the United States live in contempt of the Supreme Law of the Land! Proof of what is herein stated is furnished in the fact that while *the Republic is over one hundred and thirteen years old, not one member of the Catholic Church has been elected to the Presidency of the United States*, notwithstanding that Catholics are a numerous and indisputably orthodox body of Christians in this land! Besides the political wrong which the proscription herein referred to has done, consider the damage

which it has been instrumental in doing to the cause of religion. How many weak, ambitious, political aspirants has it driven out of the Catholic Church? How many of the same class has it prevented entering that orthodox religious body? Behold, then, the impediment which is put to the growth of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Religion; notwithstanding that Civil and Religious Liberty is deceptively the watchword in the United States! Is it not visible that the Protestants of this land have entered into a conspiracy against the sovereignty of the Constitution of the United States in the vain hope of annihilating the Catholic Church, the only legitimately established Church of GOD? But, in the midst of persecution, the Church continues victorious! Such is the power of ALMIGHTY GOD and the futility of the machinations of men! In practice, there is not only a State church in this country but State churches; in contempt of the Constitution of the United States, says the author. The churches of the several sects of Protestantism are all State churches; and many of their ministers hold office under the Government of the United States! But, the One, the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, is not recognized in this land; nay, her members are regarded by their Protestant fellow-citizens as unworthy of trust and confidence notwithstanding their orthodox Creed. Yet, this is called a Republic! In the presence of Protestant proscription, consider Catholic tolerance, says the author. Compare the Christian charity of the Catholic with the proscriptive bigotry of the Protestant. The Catholic, while knowing that the Protestant is in error religiously, hesitates not to vote for him; thus the Catholic tolerates the Protestant,

while the Protestant persecutes the Catholic! It is the adherence of the Catholic to the faith of the LORD JESUS CHRIST that causes the Protestant to persecute him! How anti-Christian! How cruel! What a libel upon the civilization of this Nineteenth Century! It is pleasant, it is natural, it is reasonable to tolerate the right. It requires no effort. There is not any merit in so doing. But, nothing save Christian charity can tolerate wrong! How cruel to persecute the faithful followers of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, says the author! Those who are ready, nay, willing, to lay down their lives for HIS teachings, as did their fathers; who deemed it a privilege to die for the Faith of HIM who suffered and Died upon the Cross for the Redemption of mankind! All the Protestant faith in the world would not sustain *one sane person* in enduring martyrdom! Reader, deny this if you can!

The object of the author is to maintain the Constitution of the United States in the spirit and in the letter thereof, and to defend Catholics in their right to the enjoyment of those privileges which the Constitution guarantees to every citizen. In order to prove that the *stigma* sought to be placed upon Catholics is libelous, the author has made an analysis of Catholicism and Protestantism with a view to demonstrating which of the two forms of religion is in accord with the teachings of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Sacred Scriptures, and the Holy Apostles. While the analysis glorifies Catholicism it utterly destroys Protestantism. The author maintains that Catholicism specially commends itself to those who desire to live as good, true, and faithful citizens—true to GOD and loyal to the State—and to die in the full hope of eternal happi-

ness beyond the grave! The author demonstrates that Catholicism alone is the Christian Religion. He proves that the alleged failure of the Catholic Church is a pernicious libel upon ALMIGHTY GOD! The author asks, if there be *one faithful believer in the LORD JESUS CHRIST who admits that the Catholic Church erred notwithstanding the promise of the DIVINE SAVIOUR to protect the Church for all time, can that person admit that the faithless, fallen, and excommunicated monk MARTIN LUTHER and the sinful and excommunicated King HENRY VIII. were fit instruments to reform the Church?* The author further asks: What is the mental condition—nay, what is the *status* of the sanity—of a body of religionists who, in this advanced Nineteenth Century build expensive temples to, and worship, a man whose mother—*they insist upon it*—“*was not more than another woman!*” The Catholic Faith, the Catholic Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, alone reconciles the wonderful mystery of the Incarnation of JESUS CHRIST in the womb of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY by the HOLY GHOST. According to the Protestant theory, the Incarnation is an absurdity, it being impossible for the HOLY GHOST to co-operate with a sinful woman! The author proves the Mission and the Commission of the Church, and he defends her several dogmas and her discipline throughout, including the celibacy of the priesthood. It were as reasonable, it were as just, says the author, to charge the treason of the False One, JUDAS, to the Faithful Eleven as to charge the Church with the scandals caused periodically by fallen priests. The author demonstrates by the light of the Sacred Scriptures that the Priest of GOD has full power to par-

don the sins of the contrite of heart. The Catholic Church is the centralization of faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Outside of the Church, all is blank and uncertainty ; a state of chaos. She is the upholder of law and the maintainer of order ; and, consequently, true to the State. The Catholic Church is the repository of Faith. Faith in GOD makes patriots, statesmen, and heroes!

Consider the consequences of the rebellion of MARTIN LUTHER, says the author. It has multiplied itself into *one hundred and fifty rebellions* ; for, this is the number of sects of Protestants in England at this time ! When and where will Protestantism stop protesting against Protestantism ? the author asks. This grand, this potential question is put to intelligent, to honest, and to thoughtful men and women ! Remember that every new sect of Protestants is rebellion against *all* previous sects, *numbering now over one hundred and fifty* ! Such has been the secession from the older to the newer sects of Protestantism that the ranks of the former are depleted. Witness, says the author, the shattered condition of the Protestant Episcopal church. It is visible that Protestantism is a house divided against itself. The Holy Gospel says : "*If Satan be divided against himself how can his kingdom stand ?*" Reasoning from these premises, the life of Protestantism is limited. The Episcopal Church, while only a little over three hundred years old, already suffers from age ; while the Catholic Church, nearly two thousand years established, is still in the glory, in the vigor of youth ; her age only adding to her dignity and to her vitality ! The capable analyst will find, says the author, that infidelity commences where Protestantism terminates. Protestant-

ism is wanting in faith, and infidelity condemns all that it cannot reconcile to its sense of reason. Reason is one thing and the capability of the reasoner is another. The incapable reasoner perverts reason. Therefore, he cannot arrive at an acceptable or an orthodox conclusion. Protestantism attempts the impossible. It tries to materialize faith. The mystery of GOD, the mystery of the Creation, and the mystery of the Incarnation of JESUS CHRIST rise above the compass of the human mind. Many Protestant ministers accept the infidel theory of the evolution of man, thereby denying the integrity of the Sacred Scriptures! Are those preachers not infidels while professing to be ministers of the Gospel? The "*Evangelical Alliance*" is another absurdity. It tries—in vain—to unite the jarring, the heterogeneous, the discordant sects of Protestantism. Thus the alliance attempts the impossible! The only way to unite the several Protestant sects would be to annihilate *one hundred and forty-nine of them and unite upon the fiftieth sect!* Then the entire Protestant body would be united. Even then, it would be a small minority compared with Catholicism. Protestants, by their alleged Christianity, scandalize the LORD JESUS CHRIST! By their contradictions, they scandalize themselves!

Apart from the orthodox Creed of the Catholic Church, the author maintains that were the right of dominance of Catholicism and that of Protestantism in this land submitted to a court of equity, Catholicism would be able to present much the stronger brief, and, consequently, would procure judgment. Catholics have precedence in this land. A Catholic discovered this matchless country; and in the War for Independence, American

Catholics, Irish Catholics, and French Catholics were the heroes of the cause of freedom; while the majority of the Protestants—native and foreign born—rallied to the banner of the Protestant King GEORGE III.! Besides, none of the Protestant countries aided in the struggle for American Independence! Nay, they opposed it! Do not those Protestants who, to-day, rejoice in their Protestantism *glory in the shame of their ancestors*—the Tories of the Revolutionary period—who were the enemies of American Independence? Of the discoverer, COLUMBUS, the author quotes :

“ Then to the Church Columbus bent, saying, ‘ Mother bless thy son,
And send him with a viceroy’s right where heathen souls are won ! ’ ”

Thus the author maintains that Catholics have the first place in this land—Protestants, the second! But, while the author has successfully established the claims of Catholics in the United States, he makes no effort to claim for them rights above other citizens. *What he insists upon is*, that the political rights of Catholics shall not be abridged by a contemptible, a cowardly, a dishonest, an intolerable conspiracy; and that in violation of the Constitution of the United States, the Supreme Law of the Land! There is not any difference between the proscriptionists of to-day, says the author, and those who put the Prophets, the Apostles, and the Saints to death, save that those of to-day are petty creatures, while the despots of those days were lordly and dignified! There is a Great Republic beyond the grave where justice is done to all! Those who hope for mercy there, should love and practice justice here! Man should contemplate the

wisdom, the patience, the justice, and the mercy of ALMIGHTY GOD. By so doing, his charity would be enlarged, and his patience, his tolerance, and his wisdom would be extended.

The author has sought to so concentrate thought as to put the greatest pressure to the square inch on the mind of the reader, and thus aid him in arriving at a right conclusion.

The author most reverentially, most sincerely, and most devotedly dedicates his work to the glory and to the honor of ALMIGHTY GOD and to the spiritual and to the temporal welfare of His people; to the end, that those of them who have not attained to the knowledge of the Truth may, by the aid of Divine grace, be enabled so to do. Meantime, the author returns his most grateful thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD for having enabled him to bring forth this work for the benefit of this and future generations.

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Civil and Religious Liberty is guaranteed to the people of this land by the Constitution of the United States. Besides, *it is the natural right of man?* But, notwithstanding that Civil and Religious Liberty is guaranteed by the Constitution, it is a dead letter so far as *practice* is concerned in this great Republic. We will proceed to prove the charge here made to be irrefutably true. It is known that a member of the Catholic Church, it matters not how meritorious he might be as a citizen, would not receive a sufficient number of votes to elect him President of the United States; it matters not by what political party he might be presented. What would Protestants say were they uniformly proscribed politically by Catholics as a majority of them proscribe Catholics? Would they not *protest?*

In view of what is hereinbefore alleged, we will proceed to investigate the Catholic Church; to see if cause there be for questioning the worthiness of her members for positions of trust and honor. To see why it is that Catholics are the cause of so much *unrest* to a large portion of their fellow-citizens—worshippers and non-worshippers. Are Catholics Turks? No. Are Catholics Atheists? No. Are Catholics Infidels? No. Are Catholics Communists? No. Are Catholics Nihilists? No. Are Catholics Anarchists? No. Are Catholics Mormons? No. What, then,

are Catholics? Catholics are members of the Church founded by JESUS CHRIST, the SON of the ETERNAL GOD, nearly two thousand years ago! To that Church the DIVINE SAVIOUR promised HIS protection and guidance until Time shall be no more! As evidence of the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST, the Church still lives! She has a membership of over 250,000,000 of souls, with a steadily increasing growth, and her membership *is in all lands!* Her service *is in one language*, and her ceremonies are *the same in all nations!* The Catholic Church *is the One Fold under One Shepherd* promised by her Divine Founder before his Crucifixion and Death, and confirmed by HIM after HIS glorious Resurrection from the Dead—after HIS wonderful triumph over Death and the Grave! Behold the magnitude, the splendor, the grandeur of the Catholic Church and the devotion of her people to her! Over 250,000,000 of souls are obedient to her, and they contribute to her support, in sums varying from *one cent to a million of dollars*, according to their means. But, whether the contribution be large or small, it is uniformly *a free-will offering!* Contemplate the devotion of Catholics to ALMIGHTY GOD! Witness the magnificent temples which they have erected in the cities and in the rural districts in all nations to the honor and to the glory of the MOST HIGH! Consider the Orthodox Creed of the Church; the grandeur and the solemnity of her ceremonies; how they dispose the soul of man to devotion, to reverence, to holy prayer to GOD, and to good-will to his fellow-men! Catholics give manifold more glory to ALMIGHTY GOD than is given to HIM by all other Christians combined! Contemplate their numbers; reflect

upon their faith in GOD and the fervor with which they worship the MOST HIGH! Consider the sanctity of the priests; the obligations into which they freely enter for the glory of GOD and for the sanctification of souls! They excel alike in education and in piety. Consider the dignity of the Priesthood! Reflect upon how it sets men apart for the sacred ministry; to break the bread of life; and to pronounce the solemn words of absolution over the head of the penitent, the contrite of heart; by virtue of the power bestowed upon the Apostles by the DIVINE SAVIOUR, to wit: "*Whosoever's sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them.*" This power was not confined to the age and generation in which the Apostles lived; it will, in accordance with the promise of CHRIST, endure until Time shall be no more! Behold how the Priest of GOD is exalted above all men; kings, emperors, and presidents; yet, he is not lifted up by it; he still adheres to his humility. Behold how wonderful is the love of GOD for man! The ALMIGHTY has conferred upon man—in the person of the Catholic Priest—powers which he has not delegated to Angels or to Archangels; ministerial powers equal to those possessed by GOD Himself! By the words of the sacred text it will be seen that ALMIGHTY GOD has raised the Priest, in his official capacity, to HIS own exalted level! The following are the words of JESUS CHRIST: "*He that heareth you, heareth Me, and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me.*" Thus, mankind have the full warrant of our DIVINE LORD to the extent that the Priest of GOD is HIS representative upon earth. Therefore, the solemn words of absolution uttered by the Priest in the name of the Holy Trinity,

the FATHER, and the SON, and the HOLY GHOST, are as efficacious in their power to absolve from sin as if the words of absolution were pronounced by the sacred lips of the LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST! What we here state rises above belief. It is an indisputable fact, a truth that must be admitted by all who believe that CHRIST is GOD! Astonishing as this announcement may seem to the ordinary reader, its authenticity is not thereby invalidated. The word of the ETERNAL GOD is our authority: the language of HIM who neither can deceive nor be deceived!

The friends of the Gospel should cherish the Catholic Church; especially in these times when Christian civilization is threatened with destruction by infidelity, atheism, and anarchy. The Catholic Church is the only body capable of stopping the tide of destruction; of bringing order out of chaos! All the members of the Church—over 250,000,000—bishops, priests, and laity, are united in devotion and in love in CHRIST JESUS, under one Head, the POPE, the Vicar of CHRIST the LORD. The great wealth of the Catholic Church is in her Apostolic Succession; her saints and her martyrs! Contemplate how the Christian martyrs followed in the footsteps of JESUS CHRIST and sealed their Faith with their life-blood! The Catholic Church alone has saints and martyrs! Were it in the power of man to annihilate her, society could not afford to permit the act. Consider the workings of the Church. Behold how she ministers to the infant in baptism, and how she performs the last ceremonies at the grave—ever faithful to her divine mission! Contemplate how she provides for the spiritual and the temporal needs of the or-

phans—the fatherless and the motherless. Reflect upon the zeal with which her priests labor for the salvation of souls! Behold their devotion to the sick and to the dying; how they hesitate not to minister spiritual consolation to the *plague-stricken, even at the risk of their own lives!* Consider the Sisters of Charity. Behold them in the hospitals and upon the fields of battle! We ask, is there another institution upon the earth capable of filling the place of the Catholic Church were *she wiped out this hour?* The Catholic Church is fifteen hundred and seventeen years older than the oldest Protestant church! Consider her peerless record!

Besides her orthodox Creed and her charitable institutions, the Catholic Church has a special claim upon this land and upon the people thereof. It is known that CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, the discoverer of all the territory known as America, was a member of the Catholic Church, and that the Church aided him financially in his exploring labors. It is a matter of history that Catholic Priests first elevated the Cross of CHRIST upon American soil! Therefore, Catholics are not strangers in this broad land! How ungrateful, how unbefitting, *how shallow to attempt to treat them as step-children in this land, in which the primitive right is theirs!* In view of her orthodox Faith, and her invaluable services rendered, why persecute the Catholic Church; the benefactor of the human race; the custodian of the promise given to mankind by her Divine Founder, JESUS CHRIST? Why persecute Catholics on account of their Creed; on account of their faith in God and their devotion to HIM? Can a warrant be found for such irreconcilable conduct?

There are four articles in the Catholic Creed to which the average non-Catholic takes exceptions, to wit: Confession of sins to a priest; Transubstantiation; the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and the Dogma of Papal Infallibility. The capable thinker will find that the preceding four Articles of Faith are not only reasonable, but that they are essential to the completion of the Christian Creed. Confession of sins is commanded by the Sacred Scriptures. Besides, it gives peace and health to the soul; therefore, it is most salutary in its influence. Transubstantiation is founded upon the words of JESUS CHRIST, the Founder of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist; who took bread into HIS sacred hands, gave thanks, and blessed it, and said: "*This is My body.*" In like manner, HE took wine, saying: "*This is My blood.*" In presence of these words of the LORD of all, man must be silent; *he must believe*; to whom can he appeal? Will he attempt to question the omnipotence of GOD? The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception is such that all who believe in Christianity—whether they be Catholics or not—must accept it, without hesitation, reservation, or qualification. The HOLY VIRGIN MARY could not have been chosen to become the Mother of the GOD-MAN were she not free from all sin, including original sin. The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception is in full accord with the Angelical Salutation, thus: "*Hail, thou that art highly favored; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women.*" Those who deny the sanctity of the HOLY MOTHER of JESUS CHRIST, and, at the same time, allege that they believe in the Divinity of her SON, confess themselves either liars or simpletons: it being impossible for JESUS CHRIST to be

Divine were HIS "*Mother not more than another woman*," as alleged by all Protestants. We have quoted the Holy Gospel of the ETERNAL GOD, *the authority* which the Catholic theologian has for pronouncing the VIRGIN MARY blessed. We insist upon it, we demand of Protestant divines *their authority for proclaiming that "the mother of JESUS CHRIST was not more than another woman!"* We respectfully call the attention of Protestant laymen to this point; with the hope of persuading them of the deception which has been practiced upon them and upon their fathers by alleged Protestant theologians from the dawn of Protestantism to this hour! We will now proceed to review the Dogma of Papal Infallibility. This Dogma is founded upon the words of the Holy Gospel, the language of CHRIST the LORD, who promised to send the Holy Spirit to HIS Church; and who added, that the Holy Ghost would guide the Church into all Truth! In view of the preceding, the infallibility of the Head of the Church, the POPE, as a teacher of faith and morals, rises above debate. The HOLY FATHER THE POPE being the Vicar of JESUS CHRIST, he is, viewed in the light of Faith, all that the LORD JESUS CHRIST was when he dwelt upon this earth; that is, officially considered. Hence, the Infallibility of the POPE in his official acts. Besides, he is the custodian of the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, which CHRIST the LORD bequeathed to ST. PETER and to his successors—the Popes—in all time. For the preceding, the Holy Gospel of the ETERNAL GOD is our warrant. The powers conferred upon the POPE are plenary; equal to those possessed by ALMIGHTY GOD Himself; so far as they extend. To wit: "*Behold, I give unto thee the*

Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, shall be bound also in Heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth, shall be loosed also in Heaven." And in another place, the Holy Gospel says: "*He that heareth you, heareth Me.*" And the Holy Gospel further says: "*Whosoever's sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them.*" Behold the broad, the plenary Commission given by the LORD JESUS CHRIST to the Christian Priesthood! The powers conferred are ample for the Government of the Church and for the exercise of the spiritual powers conferred upon the Holy Apostles by the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Shall finite man in his insignificance attempt to deny, shall he undertake to gainsay, that which the ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD has affirmed in a three-fold form, as hereinbefore set forth? The Catholic Church has an infallible warrant for her Creed; for her Dogmas. She has the warrant of the Sacred Scriptures, the authority of the Eternal Truth, the words of the DIVINE SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST! The veneration which Catholics have for the POPE as the visible Head of their Church is of a spiritual nature. They do not owe to him any temporal allegiance, not more than the citizens of the United States owe to the Emperor of Russia. The POPE does not ask temporal allegiance of Catholics; on the contrary, he enjoins the members of the Church to be true to the governments under which they live.

Reader, possibly you are an aged man. If so, can you point to a single instance during your long life where a Catholic lived in communion with his Church throughout life and abandoned her upon his death-bed? On the other hand, reflect upon the countless numbers of Protestants,

ladies and gentlemen, who abandoned Protestantism after mature middle age or upon their death-beds, after serious reflection upon the all-important matter of the salvation of their souls and sought spiritual consolation in the ministrations of the Catholic Church? Who is there amongst us who has entered upon his or her teens who cannot count many such instances, even amongst the nobles in Protestant England? A church in which it is good to die, is, certainly, good in which to live!

The Catholic Church is rapidly increasing in membership in all lands. When the last census was taken the number of Catholics in the world was a fraction over 250,000,000. The probabilities are that the next census, which will be taken this year, will exhibit their numbers at 260,000,000. The last census numbered the Protestant world—the several sects combined—at 106,000,000. But, when it is borne in mind that not more than fifty per cent. of Protestants believe implicitly in the Apostles' Creed, the actual number of Protestant Christians in the world is reduced to 53,000,000! The Apostles' Creed is the constitution of Christianity. Only those who regard the Creed as a sacred and binding Dogma of faith can be regarded, classed, or numbered as Christians! It is by those alleged Christians who deny the Apostles' Creed, the fundamental instrument of Christianity, that the ranks of infidelity, atheism, and anarchy are recruited, are kept up! The Apostles' Creed teaches that JESUS CHRIST was not the son of a man, but the SON of the ETERNAL GOD; that he was conceived in the womb of the HOLY VIRGIN by the HOLY GHOST. This belief *all* Catholics hold sacred; they implicitly believe it. The unqualified

belief of all Catholics in the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST is attested by their veneration for the HOLY VIRGIN, and the Church fully defines her position, her Faith, by the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. That portion of the Protestant world who allege that they believe in the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST, contradict their belief in the Divinity of the SAVIOUR by their uniform refusal to venerate the HOLY VIRGIN, the MOTHER of the LORD JESUS CHRIST! A Protestant clergyman interrogated a Catholic priest thus: "*Why do you supplicate Mary to intercede for you? She is not more than another woman! She is not more than my mother!*" The priest, in reply, said: "*You say that the HOLY VIRGIN is not more than your mother! Are you as great as her DIVINE SON?*" This silenced the Protestant divine! The answer of the priest was alike conclusive, beautiful, and simple. The intercession of the HOLY VIRGIN with her DIVINE SON is beyond the power of language to express. Besides, to honor her is a duty which all Christians owe. The growth of Catholicism is a consequence of its vitality, its unity, the peace, and the rest which searchers for truth find in the "One Fold under the One Shepherd;" in which there are no contradictions, no jarring elements; in which *the ONLY GOD is worshiped in ONE form and in ONE language throughout the earth!*

The words of the Royal Prophet are fully applicable:

"Why do the heathen so furiously rage and the people imagine a vain thing."

It is a vain thing; nay, it is false, to imagine that Catholics, zealous adherents to the Faith of JESUS CHRIST,

are unworthy to rule in the State, unworthy to be trusted politically. Catholics being true to GOD, they cannot be false to man, nor untrue to the State. But those who are not true to GOD are, necessarily, false to man, to society, and to the Government under which they live. Could there be a more base untruth, could there be a more vile slander, could there be a more criminal libel framed by *the father of lies* than that promulgated by Protestant pulpit orators—to wit., that Catholics are unworthy of political power? Catholicism has been misrepresented, slandered, vilified, traduced, and libeled by countless pulpits and numberless presses. By bad men, who proved themselves to be the emissaries of Satan; men who had not regard for GOD, man, duty, religion, nor truth. An ignorant populace gave credence to those slanderers; but time has enabled the most untaught to discover that they were deceived by those who libeled the Catholic Church. Therefore, a reaction has set in. The next decade will make a marvelous change in the religious world. The present is a period when the thoughtful seek for the truth; they investigate for themselves; they seek for religious consolation; for religious security. They find these priceless treasures in the Catholic Church; in vain are they sought for elsewhere. The Catholic Church possesses the elements capable of conquering all opposition. She has the Warrant of the ETERNAL GOD for HIS protection to the consummation of the world. Therefore, she continues to be victorious to the great confusion of her enemies—the enemies of her Divine Founder. In the language of ST. PAUL, "*The Church is the pillar and the ground of truth.*"

ANALYSIS OF PROTESTANTISM.

We will analyze Protestantism ; we will analyze it as a system. Our object is not to wound individuals. We have regard for the opinions of men—aware that a man who believes in a fallacy may be as sincere in his belief as the person who believes in a fact. But, as ignorance of the law does not absolve those who offend from its penalties, it is the duty of all to seek the truth ; to strive to find it. They must exhaust all available resources before they rest from their labors ; before they indulge themselves in the belief that they have discharged their duties. In the language of ST. PAUL, they must “*prove all things, and hold that which is good.*” We will present a line of reasoning which will be more or less new ; which, we trust, will command the study of men of good-will. In the meantime, we state that every conception, every thought, every word to which we will give utterance will be supported by the letter, the spirit, and the teachings of the Sacred Scriptures. In this analysis it will be necessary to employ free speech ; to be candid ; to state facts ; to utter the truth ; and should the truth offend, it is capable of responsibility. In defending the people in the exercise of their GOD-GIVEN rights, we must be truthful, positive, and fearless. Whoever fears consequences is incapable of the discharge of duty. We will consider Protestantism logically, philo-

sophically, and theologically. We will give Protestantism a fair trial. We shall see wherein its alleged claims to supremacy consists.

We will prove that Protestantism has not a base upon which to rest. We will demonstrate that Protestantism is founded upon a fallacy; that *it is the religion of a man*; not the religion of JESUS CHRIST! Protestantism is founded upon an effort to deny the sincerity of the promise made by the LORD JESUS CHRIST to HIS Apostles. At that time, JESUS said to his disciples: "*All power is given unto me in Heaven and on Earth.*"

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

Behold the Commission, the Warrant, of the ALMIGHTY and ETERNAL GOD! How unmistakable; how explicit; how absolute; how conclusive HIS words! The promise of JESUS CHRIST is unlimited. It is not bounded by years. It terminates only with the consummation of the world! It is the promise, the obligation, the bond of the ALMIGHTY and ETERNAL GOD! But, in the presence of this promise of the LORD JESUS CHRIST to HIS Apostles to give them HIS Almighty protection for *all time*, the founders of Protestantism declared, and their successors continue to declare, to Christendom that the Divine SAVIOUR *lied*—that the Church which HE founded *fell into error*! In thus alleging, they arraign the SUPREME DEITY; they deny the Almighty power of GOD; they deny the Divinity and the integrity of the LORD JESUS

CHRIST! Could Satan, with all his craft, with all his malignity, do more? Protestant ministers blasphemously allege that *man has reformed, has perfected the Church established by the Eternal God!* They absurdly allege that *man is more than God!* That man has done that which GOD *failed to do!* How blasphemous! Horrifying as are infidelity and atheism, they are as tolerable as are the efforts of Protestant ministers to mutilate, to degrade the religion established by the LORD JESUS CHRIST. The burden of Protestant ministers seems to be to degrade holy things; to make merchandise of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD; to destroy the Faith of mankind in JESUS CHRIST; and thus build up the Kingdom of Satan! But, the friends of the Gospel have no cause to fear. The Church of GOD will endure forever. The moment the Divine SAVIOUR Commissioned HIS Apostles, the instant HE gave them HIS promise to be with them to the consummation of the world, the INFALLIBILITY of the Church was guaranteed by the Broad Seal of HIM who had not a beginning and who will not have an end! Protestantism has not authority for its organization; it has not a warrant for its ministrations. Therefore, it does not satisfy the yearnings of the heart of man. It fails to give peace to the soul. The soul longs for rest, but it can not find it in the ministrations of Protestantism. Protestantism may be likened to a fountain without water. We will cite a case which will give a living illustration of the origin of Protestantism, which will describe its status, the only difference being a matter of time; but, time does not destroy facts. About four years ago, in the city of New York, a priest named

EDWARD MCGLYNN incurred the censure of his bishop, and excommunication followed. Were the deposed priest, MCGLYNN, to organize a church it would be, in all respects, a Protestant Church: MCGLYNN having protested, rebelled, against the ecclesiastical, the Divine Authority. Therefore, there is not any difference in the ecclesiastical status of the excommunicated priest, MCGLYNN, and the excommunicated monk, MARTIN LUTHER, the founder of Protestantism. LUTHER alleged that the Church fell into error. This was his apology for revolting. Think of the unfortunate usurper who raised his unholy voice against the LORD JESUS CHRIST and HIS Divine teachings, and against the holy teaching of HIS Apostles! Thus acting, LUTHER made himself *anathema*! All who allege that the Church of GOD fell into error, have, necessarily, denied the Faith! and all who accept the teachings of those who alleged, or who allege, that the Church fell, have, thereby, denied the faith. The Christian Faith consists in implicit, in unqualified belief in the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST and in HIS Divine teachings; and in the teachings of HIS authorized teachers, the Ministers of the Catholic Church. Those who resist the Church resist JESUS CHRIST; and by their resistance they separate themselves from CHRIST the LORD; therefore, they are not longer of HIM nor in union with HIM. As a breach in an electric wire severs the connection; as a branch separated from the vine is certain to wither, those who, by disobedience and rebellion, have separated themselves from the Church founded by JESUS CHRIST are merely withered branches; they have no vitality, being separated from the life-giving vine: while the life, the vigor, of the

vine is not diminished by the loss of the withered branch. Thus, we have elucidated Protestantism and its founder MARTIN LUTHER. For the reasons given, the ministrations of Protestantism are void; they are without efficacy. Protestantism is a house divided against itself. It is divided and subdivided into many sections. In England alone there are one hundred and fifty distinct sects of Protestants. There being one hundred and fifty sects of Protestants in England to-day, how many sects will there be a century hence? Can those opposing, those conflicting, those jarring sects be of the ONE, the ONLY GOD? Impossible! Like unto GOD, the Catholic Church IS ONE; she has ever been ONE; and she will continue to be ONE until Time shall be no more!

Protestantism teaches that "the MOTHER OF JESUS CHRIST *was not more than another woman.*" This theory is a contradiction of the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST. It is contemptuous of the Holy Angel GABRIEL, who saluted the VIRGIN MARY thus: "*Hail, thou that art highly favored; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women!*" Were the VIRGIN MARY "*not more than another woman,*" JESUS CHRIST could not be Divine. The great mystery of the Incarnation could not, by any possibility, have been consummated. The HOLY GHOST could not have co-operated with a sinful woman! It is clear, therefore, that the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST is dependent solely, entirely, and unconditionally upon the sanctity of HIS HOLY MOTHER. Thus, those who deny the sanctity of the VIRGIN MARY deny the Divinity of her DIVINE SON. The denial of the sanctity of the Blessed VIRGIN MARY,

by Protestants, is prompted entirely by antagonism to Catholicism. It is merely opposition for the sake of opposition. The Protestant who verily believes in the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST, is, necessarily, a believer in the Immaculate Conception. All who deny the Immaculate Conception, thereby deny the divinity of JESUS CHRIST. There is not any middle ground. It were as reasonable, it were as permissible, it were as tolerable to say that JESUS CHRIST was not more than another man, as to allege that HIS HOLY MOTHER "WAS NOT MORE THAN ANOTHER WOMAN." What we state rises above the power of man to confute! The VIRGIN MARY was specially distinguished. She rose above all the other children of ADAM. Of all the daughters of EVE, she was the most faithful, the most holy, the most pure! Therefore, SHE WAS MORE THAN ANOTHER WOMAN! The Catholic Church gives special reverence to the MOTHER OF GOD. For this veneration, the Church has the warrant of the Holy Gospel; read the words which ST. LUKE records:

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; for He that is mighty has done great things to me; and holy is His name and His mercy endureth forever."

Protestantism denies the integrity of this prophecy; while the Catholic Church, from her highest dignitary to her most humble member, fulfills it. She has ever fulfilled it; and she will continue to fulfill it until Time shall be no more! Protestants rob GOD of HIS glory by their refusing to venerate HIS HOLY MOTHER! It

is a fatality for Protestantism that the words "HOLY MARY" have never been pronounced in a Protestant pulpit nor printed in a Protestant publication. Contemplate the veneration which HE who commands man to honor his father and his mother has for HIS HOLY MOTHER! The soul, the mind, the heart of man cannot conceive, language cannot convey, the most eloquent lips are incapable of even feebly indicating the grateful regard which CHRIST the LORD has for HIS VIRGIN MOTHER; the Queen of Angels and of Saints! None should be so benighted as to imagine that veneration given to the VIRGIN MARY is displeasing to her DIVINE SON. Contemplate the relation which the HOLY VIRGIN bears to ALMIGHTY GOD! Shall man, while professing to worship JESUS CHRIST, refuse to venerate HIS HOLY MOTHER? Shall he hesitate to reverence her who bore the SAVIOUR of mankind in the stable at Bethlehem? She who was the custodian of the LORD of all! She, to whom the Wise Men, in the dead of night, hastened to give reverence, and to offer gifts to the newly-born King of kings, her DIVINE SON? She, whose humble habitation was designated and watched over by a Special Heavenly Star? She who was comforted by the peerless music of the Heavenly Hosts of Angels? She, whom the Holy Angel GABRIEL pronounced blessed among women? She, who endured the inexpressible sorrow of beholding the insults, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, the carrying of HIS Cross to the place of execution, and the Crucifixion of her DIVINE SON, a sacrifice for the sins of man! She, who for nearly two thousand years has participated in the glory

and in the joys of Heaven at the Throne of her DIVINE SON! Shall man, erring man, who is but a worm, refuse to venerate the MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR of mankind? Contemplate the more than wonderful mystery in which the VIRGIN MARY was the only human instrument—the bringing forth of the LAMB OF GOD; HE who taketh away the sins of the world! Sitting deep, indeed, in the depths of darkness must they be who refuse to venerate the MOTHER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST; who persist in saying “*she was not more than another woman.*” Think of the indifference, the coldness, and the ingratitude which Protestants manifest to the MOTHER OF GOD, while professing to worship her DIVINE SON! What a stupendous picture is presented to mankind in the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and her Divine SON JESUS! “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God.*” JESUS was the Word. “*All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made.*” Thus, JESUS Created MARY, and MARY was the mother of JESUS! O mystery of mysteries! What a tremendous mystery! And still more, MARY’S SON IS MARY’S REDEEMER; and MARY’S SON will judge the living and the dead on the Great Final Judgment Day! Thus, MARY’S SON is the ALMIGHTY and ETERNAL GOD, the Creator and the Governor of the universe! Hence, her title: “*Holy Mary Mother of God!*”

We demonstrate that Christianity as taught by the Catholic Church alone is free from inconsistencies and contradictions; and, therefore, is capable of acceptance by the most advanced minds. Protestantism taxes the faith of

man too much by calling *upon him to worship as God the son of a woman whom Protestant theologians persistently affirm "was not more than another woman!"* The Protestant Missionary who teaches that "*the mother of JESUS CHRIST was not more than another woman,*" besides promulgating that which is not true, puts an insurmountable obstacle in the way of his persuading even the heathen, that JESUS CHRIST was conceived by the HOLY GHOST! Therefore Protestant theology is capable of making infidels and atheists. The Incarnation of JESUS CHRIST—as foretold by the prophets thousands of years before the Birth of the SAVIOUR—is easy of acceptance to the faithful Catholic. Catholics question not the power of ALMIGHTY GOD. Therefore, in Christianity they find peace, security, rest, and repose, in the full assurance that CHRIST IS GOD; that by the shedding of HIS precious blood HE atoned for the sins of man, and purchased Heaven for the children of ADAM!

CATHOLICISM AND PROTESTANTISM REVIEWED.

The Catholic Church is the faithful, the devoted spouse of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. She is ever obedient to HIM; she has no will but GOD'S will; her spirit and her language are: Heavenly Father, THY will be done! Therefore, she administers HIS Holy Laws in justice and in mercy; and gives to the ALMIGHTY all glory, homage, and honor. She is the custodian of GOD'S Covenant with man, and the Treasurer of HIS manifold graces. Thus, she proves her Divine Mission. She is holy because she is of GOD; and being guided by the HOLY GHOST, it is impossible for her to err! The Holy Catholic Church is known by these signs, to wit: She is One; she is Holy; she is Catholic; she is Apostolic. These marks distinguish the Catholic Church from all alleged religious bodies; for, even the Jews have sects. We have not space to descant upon the beauties of the Heaven-given ceremonies of the Catholic Church; suffice it, that they are peerless in efficacy and in beauty. They subdue the passions of man as the DIVINE SAVIOUR stilled the storm at sea by HIS voice. Of themselves, they prove the Divine character of the Church. Compare Catholicism with Protestantism. The only distinguishing feature which Protestantism possesses is hate of Catholicism. Is this a Christian virtue? JESUS CHRIST taught peace, char-

ity, love. Protestantism gives its churches the names of saints! Is not this a false pretence? Protestantism never possessed a saint! Protestantism neither teaches nor practices the virtues which make saints. While Protestantism has neither spiritual life, holiness, nor authority, Catholicism, by virtue of the power conferred upon her Priesthood by the LORD JESUS CHRIST, exercises the extraordinary power of absolving the truly penitent from sin—the power to remove the sins of the contrite of heart “*as far from them as the East is from the West!*” The Catholic Church is the only power in Heaven or upon Earth capable of reconciling sinful man to his offended GOD!

It must be admitted that outside of the Catholic Church the faith of mankind in JESUS CHRIST is neither full nor firm. No faithful Catholic ever did believe, nor does any Catholic now believe, and no Catholic ever will believe it possible for the Catholic Church to err. The DIVINE SAVIOUR tells mankind that the Church is the salt of the earth; and, HE adds: “*If the salt lose its savor wherewith shall it be salted?*”

Such is the want of faith of Protestants, that while nearly 2,000 years have elapsed since the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST and HIS Glorious Ascension into Heaven, many of them are wanting in faith in CHRIST the LORD. The men of to-day who deny CHRIST, who have not faith in HIM, are more than an hundredfold more culpable for their unbelief than were the Jews who Crucified the LORD JESUS CHRIST. If Protestants had full faith in the DIVINE SAVIOUR it would be impossible for them to allege that the Church of GOD fell into error. The faith of

Protestants in JESUS CHRIST is exceedingly limited. Their refusal to venerate the Blessed Virgin MARY proves their want of Faith in her Divine SON. A majority of those who are classed as Protestants flatter themselves that they are too intelligent to believe that JESUS CHRIST was not the SON of JOSEPH! They rest upon their human judgment—they have not faith! Belief is entirely distinct from knowing, seeing and the powers of reason. That which man knows is not a matter of belief, and that which he sees is not dependent upon belief. The same is true of all matters which are capable of being reconciled to the senses by the use of reason. Belief is solely a matter of Faith; to believe that of which there is not any human proof. Proof removes the possibility of belief; proof establishes a fact, precluding belief. Those, therefore, who confine themselves to knowing, seeing, and reasoning cannot have faith in GOD; whom it is impossible to see, and whose being surpasses all human understanding. GOD is knowable only by faith. This demonstrates that those who confine themselves to that which is material—as most Protestants do—namely, to those matters which they can reconcile to their senses, cannot believe that JESUS CHRIST was conceived by the Holy Ghost, as set forth in the Sacred Scriptures and in the Apostles' Creed. "*Without faith it is impossible to please God*" Therefore, those who deny all that their senses are incapable of verifying cannot be acceptable to the ALMIGHTY. The faithful person supplicates his GOD with the same certainty of being heard that the devoted child implores his father or his mother. Faith is the life of the soul of man. The soul of the faithless person is dead; were it pos-

sible, worse than dead! Compare the workings of Catholicism and Protestantism. Catholicism, based upon firm faith in GOD, holds implicitly as Sacred Dogmas all that has been revealed by ALMIGHTY GOD; while Protestantism rejects even the sacred, the solemn words of the LORD JESUS CHRIST! Witness, HIS promise to protect HIS Church for all time; "*even to the consummation of the world.*" The integrity of this sacred promise of the DIVINE SAVIOUR Protestantism denies!

It is preposterous in a two-fold degree to allege that the Church of GOD fell into error. First, it is preposterous to allege that ALMIGHTY GOD did not keep HIS sacred promise to protect HIS Church. Second, it is preposterous to presume that MARTIN LUTHER, an unscrupulous, a rebellious man, a man specially the victim of the impulsions and the desires of the flesh; a man conspicuous for want of virtue, piety, and good morals, could have been chosen by ALMIGHTY GOD as an instrument for the reformation of HIS Church had she fallen, *a thing impossible!* Thus, the allegation that the Catholic Church erred is a double absurdity, a double impossibility, *a two-fold lie!* Can a prudent, a sane man deny GOD and accept MARTIN LUTHER? JESUS CHRIST being the ETERNAL GOD, HIS promise is as certain to be kept as was the promise of the ALMIGHTY to the Patriarch NOAH that another deluge would not occur. Of HIS promise, the LORD JESUS CHRIST says:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away."

The Catholic Church alone possesses the Keys to the Sacred Treasury of the Mercy of GOD—"the Keys of the

Kingdom of Heaven;" she is the only source of comfort to the broken, the contrite of heart. She alone is authorized to proclaim the beneficent words of the DIVINE SAVIOUR, to wit:

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are oppressed and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and ye shall find rest for your souls, for my yoke it is sweet and My burden is light."

How merciful, how beautiful the preceding words? Behold the merciful invitation which ALMIGHTY GOD gives to erring man to return to the path of truth. The mercy of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is displayed in the restoration of PETER to grace, confidence, and rank, notwithstanding that he denied his LORD thrice in a brief space of time.

It is the most heinous of blasphemies to allege that the Church founded by the Almighty and Eternal GOD fell into error. That, in violation of HIS sacred promise, HE permitted the gates of Hell or any other agency of the Devil to prevail against her! Yet, Protestantism charges ALMIGHTY GOD with *this act of bad faith!* This is the chief, the never-ending theme of Protestant pulpit orators—the ministers of anti-CHRIST! Oh! what a grievous, what a cruel, what an unpardonable sin! What a defamatory LIE against the MOST HIGH; the Supreme Deity; the Lord of Heaven and Earth! What a calumny upon the LORD JESUS CHRIST; who, for the salvation of mankind, descended from HIS Throne in Heaven; took to himself a human body; for thirty-three years led a life of poverty and sorrow—for the sins of mankind ever pressed heavily upon HIM—and notwithstanding HIS

holy, HIS pure, HIS spotless life, HE was arrested as a malefactor; treated as a criminal; was insulted; spat upon; mocked; scoffed; scorned; scourged; crowned with thorns; sentenced by PONTIUS PILATE to be Crucified; and, notwithstanding HIS great loss of blood by HIS bloody-sweat, scourging, and crowning with thorns, and thus being faint, HE was compelled to carry HIS heavy cross from the place of judgment to the distant mountain—Calvary—where HE was Crucified between two thieves! Those indignities, tortures, cruelties, sufferings, and an ignominious death—death upon the Cross—the SUPREME CREATOR, the LORD of HEAVEN and EARTH, consented to suffer for the sins of man—even for the sins of the men who, to-day, are HIS calumniators! Who make illegitimate livings by preaching and teaching that which is false, to wit: that the LORD JESUS CHRIST was untrue to HIS sacred promise to protect HIS Church; and, consequently, that the Church of GOD fell into error! The burden of Protestantism seems to be an effort to prove that JESUS CHRIST was not Divine; *that Christ is not God!* Protestantism flatly denies the vital principal of Christianity. It denies the sanctity of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; thereby denying the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST. Protestantism makes war upon, it rebels against, the Church of GOD. It holds the words of the DIVINE SAVIOUR in contempt—the words of HIM who says to HIS Apostles:

“He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me.”

Protestantism is detestation; it is abhorrence of the person or thing protested against. In protesting against the Church of GOD, Protestantism protests against GOD;

it despises GOD! These words are as positive as words of fire. While the human understanding is capable of accepting truth, it is beyond the power of the human mind to deny visible truth! Therefore, what we state is irrefutable! In view of these facts why do Protestants profess to worship JESUS CHRIST in whom they have not Faith; whom they charge with violating HIS sacred promise to protect HIS Church "*to the consummation of the world!*" What palpable inconsistency! We desire it to be understood that the preceding strictures are more applicable to the Protestant clergy than to the laity. Clergymen are men of education; they cannot claim exemption on the plea of ignorance. The words of the Prophet are specially applicable:

"Oh, my people! They who lead thee, do cause thee to err!"

Religion is robbed of its sanctity, GOD is robbed of HIS glory, by the mountebanks who usurp the sacred offices of ministers of the Gospel. The grave nature of religion may be considered by reflecting upon eternity; and the length of eternity may be inferred when it is considered that all the time from the death of the first man, ADAM, to this hour forms not even a fraction of it.

CATHOLICISM AND PROTESTANTISM IN THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE.

Catholics specially distinguished themselves in the War for American Independence. It is a matter of history that Irish Catholics and Catholic France were the allies of GEORGE WASHINGTON; and it is known that Irish Catholics were the most bounteous contributors to Gen. WASHINGTON'S war fund. Gen. WASHINGTON, in his farewell address, makes grateful mention of the meritorious aid which Catholics rendered to the cause of American Independence. He reminds the people of this land of their indebtedness to the adherents of the Catholic Church! The resistance of the patriotic portion of the American Colonists to KING GEORGE III. would have been the worst form of insanity were it not for their brave Catholic allies, the Irish and the French! It is a matter of record that fully one-half of the forces commanded by Gen. WASHINGTON were Irishmen and the descendants of Irishmen born in this land; but a fraction of whom were non-Catholics. It is worthy of mention that every native of America who adhered to the Catholic Church and was capable of military service rallied to the standard of Gen. WASHINGTON, while a large portion of the Protestant element—native and foreign born—were Tories. They were specially devoted to King GEORGE III., the then head of the Protestant Church. The

united, the determined, the positive, the unfaltering stand taken by the Irish and French Catholics in favor of the cause of American Independence intensified the more ultra portion of the Protestants with opposition to the cause of Independence, and drove them *en masse* to the standard of the Protestant King, GEORGE III. The principal opponents of Catholicism in the United States to-day, are the offspring of the Tory element here in view. Next to GEORGE WASHINGTON, Archbishop CARROLL—the first Catholic Bishop of America—did most for the cause of Independence.

But, notwithstanding the services rendered by Catholics, to wit, the discovery of this matchless country and the achievement of its Independence, 10,000,000 of Catholics are practically disfranchised in the United States. Of all forms of dishonesty, ingratitude, base ingratitude, is the most contemptible, the most despicable. The Protestants of the United States, a body of men claiming to be intelligent, professing to be Christians, to be followers of the HOLY AND JUST ONE, are guilty of base ingratitude to their Catholic fellow-citizens, to whose forefathers they are indebted for the priceless liberties which they, the Protestants, enjoy! In 1892, the American people will celebrate the discovery of all the territory known as America, to wit, the Three Americas, by the Catholic, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. It will be instructive to young readers—and to old ones who are not well-posted—to learn that at the time COLUMBUS made his great discovery, MARTIN LUTHER, the founder of Protestantism, was but a child. Yet, Protestantism will be a jubilant, an ostentatious, an active factor in the

forthcoming celebration of the great Catholic discovery. In the approaching celebration it is hoped that Protestantism will obey the Holy Gospel injunction, to wit: "*Render unto Cæsar those things which are Cæsar's;*" it having had no part or lot in the discovery of America. Therefore, let Protestantism endeavor to be grateful to the memory of its great Catholic benefactor. Catholicism being the religion of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, every person who deprives Catholics of their rights—Civil, Religious, and Political—is an anti-CHRIST! The preceding truths are irrefutable. To attempt to deny any of them would be as futile as to try to stop the lightning of Heaven! The sacred text says: "*The just shall not be confounded.*" Do we not confound the Protestant world?

CATHOLICISM.

Man is by birth a debtor. Notwithstanding that his immortal soul is the forfeit, he performs his duties reluctantly and frequently omits them entirely. Unrestrained, man is prone to error. He revels in human freedom; unmindful that true freedom consists in knowing, seeking, and finding the Truth. In the language of the Holy Gospel, "*Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" The discipline of the Catholic Church is capable of keeping man in bounds. She alone keeps the Gospel lamp burning. The Church holds daily worship. The solemn sounds of her bells are heard morning, noon, and afternoon. The Church is GOD'S messenger to man. Therefore, she is, indeed, venerable. Outside of the Catholic Church there is not any veneration; there is not any regard for the sacred and the holy. The Church sanctifies everything connected with Divine worship. Even her bells, which summon the faithful to prayer, she sanctifies. In the Catholic Church concord and unity abound; there are no sects, no schisms, no strife, no contentions! Thus, the Church demonstrates that she is of GOD. Protestantism beguiles, it lures its adherents. It encourages them in the vain belief that salvation is the natural right of men and women—that meritorious deeds are not required of them. Thus Protestantism attempts to contradict ST. PAUL, who declares that "*man must work out his salvation in fear and*

trembling." The disregard of Protestantism for good works is synonymous with charging the saints and the martyrs with foolishness. Indeed, the entire programme of Protestantism has that tendency. Certainly, Protestantism neither preaches nor practices the virtues taught and practiced by the saints—the zealous followers of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, who sealed their Faith in HIM with their life-blood! The saints having been the special friends of ALMIGHTY GOD, Catholics delight in honoring, in venerating them, and in imitating their holy examples and their pious practices. The Apostle's Creed—" *the communion of saints*"—gives special consolation to Catholics. It teaches that the Saints in Heaven hear the petitions of those in the flesh; that they intercede with ALMIGHTY GOD in behalf of supplicants. Notwithstanding that Protestantism has adopted the Catholic Creed, it does not believe what is set forth therein. Protestantism professes special veneration for the Sacred Scriptures; but, it does not hesitate to deny the truth of the Holy Gospels of ALMIGHTY GOD when the sacred text confutes its theories and its practices. We cite the following from the Holy Gospel as an example, to wit:

"Whosoever's sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whosoever's sins ye shall retain, they are retained."

The language of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is unmistakable. But, the Protestant denies its spirit and its letter. He says that he confesses his sins to GOD; that he goes to headquarters; that he does not want anything second-handed; that the Priest has not any power more than he has; that he is not a man-worshiper. This, the

Protestant says in refutation of the sacred language of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. How blasphemous! The Protestant refuses to accept the means for the forgiveness of sins provided by the LORD JESUS CHRIST. He holds the confessional in contempt; he despises it. These are facts; the Sacred text proves them true. Sin is a two-fold abomination to the LORD. First, the wrong done; second, it is committed in willful contempt of—and in the sacred presence of—ALMIGHTY GOD, who, the transgressor is aware, knows all things. Sin, therefore, being a heinous crime, it can be atoned for only by sincere sorrow, true contrition, a strong purpose of amendment of life, full confession to, and absolution from, the Priest of GOD. The Tribunal of Penance was instituted by the LORD JESUS CHRIST. The Divine Wisdom is visible in it. The humiliation, the mortification of the penitent in confessing his sins to the Priest, in unbosoming himself to a man ordained by ALMIGHTY GOD to hear his confession—to forgive or to retain his sins—increases the sorrow and the contrition of the penitent; fills him with horror for sin, and gives strength to his resolution to amend his life. Therefore, the Confessional is salutary in its workings. It makes peace between God and man—it works justice between man and man! The requisite humiliation, the mortification necessary to entire contrition—without which sins cannot be forgiven by any power in Heaven or upon earth—cannot be produced by confessing sins to GOD only; for, GOD knowing all things, there cannot be anything revealed to HIM. Notwithstanding the majesty of ALMIGHTY GOD, and that HE is omnific, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, all-seeing, all-wise, all-knowing,

and all-good, man unhesitatingly commits many crimes in HIS Sacred Presence which he would not dare to perpetrate in the presence of man. To wit, murder, assassination, adultery, fornication, theft, perjury, and other heinous crimes! Therefore, for man to confess his sins to the Priest of God with heart-felt sorrow, with entire contrition, and with firm purpose to amend his life, is the greatest act of humiliation, of mortification, of atonement for sins, which man is capable of performing; and, consequently, is an acceptable sacrifice to ALMIGHTY GOD. In the language of the Royal Prophet, "*A contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.*" The advantages of the confession of sins are two-fold. Besides the remission of sins, the confessional prevents the commission of sins, being the most powerful check upon the conduct of man. Those who are aware that they are in duty bound, at the peril of the loss of their immortal souls, to confess their sins to the Priest of GOD, certainly, take heed to their ways. To the numerous proofs in support of the confessional, may be added the abhorrence which non-Catholics manifest towards it. The cause of their abhorrence is, that the confessional humbles man; his pride, therefore, impels him to resist it. For the reason given, human nature—in the absence of proper training—arrays itself against the confessional; it being the greatest obstacle to the promptings of the Devil, the world, and the flesh! By confessing his sins to the Priest, man makes those secret crimes known to man which he would not have dared to commit in the presence of man; but which he did commit, unhesitatingly, in the Sacred Presence of ALMIGHTY GOD and in contempt of

HIS holy laws! Behold the Divine Wisdom manifest in the confessional! The confessional being GOD's holy ordinance for the remission of sins, man should accept it gratefully, and with thanksgiving and praise to its Divine Founder. In order to enable the Priest to discriminate—to forgive or to retain sins—confession, full and contrite confession, is indispensable. If from any cause, the Priest should find it to be his duty to retain sins, it would be to him a matter of sore regret. For, like his DIVINE MASTER, the Priest ever exercises the fullest measure of charity. What is told to the Priest in the Confessional is a secret for all time—as much so, as if the words were whispered in the ear of a dead man. History proves this true. The Priest of GOD, sitting as Judge in the Tribunal of Penance, is the representative of GOD the HOLY GHOST; witness, the language of ST. PETER to ANANIAS and to SAPPHIRA, his wife, and GOD's judgment upon them for misrepresentations in the Confessional! The Priest does not forgive sins as man. He pronounces the solemn words of absolution in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Therefore, the official language and the official acts of the Priest are the language and the acts of ALMIGHTY GOD. Behold the sacred words of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, to wit: "*He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me.*" Thus, those who despise the Priest of GOD, despise the LORD JESUS CHRIST! Those whom it may concern should take heed. The LORD JESUS CHRIST having commissioned HIS Priests to forgive sins, HE has made it obligatory upon man to confess his sins to the Priest. All the ministers of the Catholic Church, POPE, Cardinals,

Bishops, and Priests confess their sins just as the laity do. Who will question the enlightenment, the judgment, and the integrity of the most highly educated, the most distinguished body of gentlemen in the world; the successors of the Holy Apostles of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, in those things which pertain to spiritual enlightenment, religion, Faith, devotion, purity, and morals? A body of gentlemen who have abandoned the world, its pleasures, and its allurements for the honor and for the glory of ALMIGHTY GOD, and for the sanctification of souls! Who should hesitate to accept the Confessional in view of the examples set by the dignitaries of the Catholic Church? Gentlemen peerless in advancement, in sanctity, in wisdom, and in knowledge!

Notwithstanding that Catholicism is the light of the world, it is impeded by a combination of causes. We name: Ignorance, prejudice, misrepresentation, slander, moral cowardice, hypocrisy, weakness, and political and commercial considerations. In this age and generation, but a limited portion of mankind have the candor, the courage, to espouse the truth at a sacrifice, to let their lights shine regardless of pecuniary and other considerations. Thus, they put their lights under bushels, they imperil their souls; they give bad example. Should man, the image of his CREATOR, thus reduce himself to a cipher? The Catholic Church is the rightful, the legitimate, the indisputable heir to the promise made by the LORD JESUS CHRIST to HIS Apostles. What a glorious inheritance! Therefore the voice of the Church is the voice of GOD! Behold the words of the Holy Gospel: "*He that heareth you, heareth Me.*" Like unto GOD,

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FURTHER PROOF OF THE POWER OF THE PRIEST.

JESUS CHRIST was the first Christian Priest. Besides being the ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, He was a real man, clothed with human nature, born of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. As a Priest, JESUS CHRIST pardoned the sins of many. When nearing His last breath, He heard the confession of the penitent thief upon the Cross and granted to him absolution; adding, "*This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.*" The LORD JESUS CHRIST would have granted the same amnesty to the other thief were it not that he was impenitent—that he was reprobate. The power which JESUS CHRIST exercised in forgiving the sins of the thief upon a cross HE delegated to His Priests for all Time. Hear the solemn, the ineffaceable words of the LORD JESUS, addressed to His Apostles, to wit: "*Whosoever's sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them.*" What further guarantee does a doubting man, even a skeptic, want of the power of the PRIEST of GOD to forgive sins than the sacred promise of the LORD JESUS CHRIST; the promise of the ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD? By the language of JESUS CHRIST—to wit, "*He that heareth you, heareth Me*"—it is clear that the official language of the PRIEST of GOD is the language of ALMIGHTY GOD! Thus, mankind have the authority of *The Broad Seal of Heaven assuring them that the PRIEST OF GOD has full power to pardon the sins of the contrite of heart. Those who question the Word of JESUS CHRIST have denied the Faith!* This, all Protestants persistently do! All who deny the power of the PRIEST OF GOD to forgive sins, *question the veracity of JESUS CHRIST.* Of such, the Divine SAVIOUR says: "*He that denies Me before men, him will I deny before MY FATHER, who is in Heaven.*" JESUS CHRIST having died for the sins of mankind in all Time—past, present, and future—His Priesthood will continue forever; as long as the sun, the moon, and the stars will endure! The power which the Divine SAVIOUR conferred upon His *Holy Apostles will be perpetuated in their successors until the consummation of the world, without extension or diminution.* Hence, the Catholic Priest of to-day exercises *all* the spiritual powers exercised by the Holy Apostles of JESUS CHRIST.

Oh! what a blessing, what a privilege, it was for the penitent thief to suffer upon a cross accompanied by his suffering, his dying LORD! Contrast his case with that of the impenitent thief, notwithstanding that the crime for which they were executed was the same. The impenitent thief—while at mercy's door—debarred himself from pardon by his impenitence, by the hardness

of his heart, by his blasphemy! Oh! imagine the horror of horrors which awaits the impenitent thief on The Great Final Judgment Day, when he will behold HIM whom he blasphemed upon the Cross seated upon His indescribable Throne, surrounded by the Majesty of Heaven and the Heavenly Hosts, including the penitent thief; *who was Redeemed by the Mercy and by the Precious Blood of the Dying JESUS!* Oh! how many there are, alas, who, at the termination of their lives, follow the cruel example of the impenitent thief; who deprive themselves of mercy by the hardness of their hearts! Who blaspheme the sacred—as did the impenitent thief—who deprive themselves of the means of salvation so abundant in the Holy Catholic Church. Of which means, all—Jew and Gentile—are mercifully, nay, bounteously, invited to partake, *without money, without price!* Of MARTIN LUTHER, the founder of Protestantism, who put a stumbling-block—a *rock of scandal*—in the path of Christianity, it may fitly be said, in the language of the Sacred text: “*It was an evil and a bitter thing for thee to have departed from the LORD thy GOD!*”

It surpasses understanding to contemplate *the millions of men* who are skilled in science, in law, in medicine, in merchandise, in stocks, in real estate, &c., yet those men act as infants in those things which pertain to religion. They allege that all churches are alike good; that there are good men in all churches. There being good heathens, it follows, then, that heathenism is good! How shallow! The LORD JESUS CHRIST says: “*Be ye ONE, as I and the FATHER are ONE!*” Herein, *all* forms of Christianity but ONE, *are condemned!* How thoughtless, how reckless, would the person be, who, about to make an ocean voyage, would purchase a ticket in a condemned ship! This is business, and all understand it. But few, exceedingly few, indeed, there are who contemplate the silliness with which they are chargeable when they entrust their eternal salvation to the theology of alleged churches *founded by men* of doubtful education, doubtful faith, doubtful piety, doubtful morals, and questionable integrity. But, above all, men who were not ordained by ALMIGHTY GOD; men whom the Holy Gospel condemns “*as wolves in the clothing of sheep.*” We have given Protestantism a fair trial, and we have rendered judgment against it. We have cited *The Law*—the Sacred Scriptures—sustaining our decision. Can sane men and sane women longer adhere to Protestantism, thereby imperiling their eternal salvation?

If any should allege that this work is *onesided*, it is not chargeable to the author, but to Truth; *the truth being all on one side.* Protestantism is heresy, and that is the end of it.

Catholicism is ONE; like unto the HOLY TRINITY, the Church is united. It is irreconcilable how men and women of alleged intelligence can content themselves outside of the Catholic Church, in which alone is the means of salvation. That sane men and women can thus disregard the salvation of their immortal souls—even *when about to enter the portals of eternity*—surpasses understanding! Religion is of GOD. Therefore, for man to attempt to make unto himself religion is as criminal as it is for the heathen to make unto himself an idol. We will ask a question, thus: Why is it that converts to Catholicism possess more zeal, more ardor for the faith than those born in the Church? It is because they enjoy more real freedom; more true happiness; more peace of conscience; more spiritual security, than it was possible for them to enjoy outside of "*the One Fold and the One Shepherd.*" Hence their gratitude is stimulated; they are in a condition to appreciate the change—their deliverance from darkness and from error. They are truly happy; they have turned anew—to them, a beautiful—leaf. Thus, they are more devoted than those born in the faith. How different the person who has had the misfortune to depart from the true faith? Like unto JUDAS ISCARIOT, he has fallen; his hope and his happiness have departed from him!

Catholics are charged with illiberality in matters of religion. It is alleged that Protestants are more liberal. It is not meritorious to be liberal about those things which pertain to ALMIGHTY GOD. It is a trespass upon the sacred; it is a species of sacrilege—a proceeding for which man has not a warrant! What is man that he

should be *liberal* about that which belongs to GOD? Protestantism not having a specific code of faith, it being optional with its members to adopt any of the ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY distinct forms of Protestantism, they are, necessarily, loose in matters of religion and of church discipline, while Catholics are staid. Protestantism being of illegitimate birth, *time has not legitimized it!* It is a matter of history that Protestantism had its origin in rebellion, disobedience, lust, and in sacrilege! Is it not a misrepresentation to allege that Protestantism is the religion of the PRINCE OF PEACE? Protestantism has not had any powers conferred upon it either by Divine authority or by ecclesiastical consent. Therefore, like the rebellion of CORA, DATHAN, and ABIRAM against MOSES and AARON, Protestantism is an usurpation. While the apostate LUTHER was chief in the founding of Protestantism, he could not have accomplished anything were it not for the embarrassments of King HENRY VIII. with the Vatican on account of his complicated crimes and sinful excesses. The KING having been excommunicated by the POPE, he employed LUTHER to whitewash him. Thus Protestantism was ingloriously founded. Protestantism has a bad record. It has been the cause of variance, strife, bloodshed, and murder. Catholic Priests and Bishops were persecuted by it even unto death, in England, Ireland, Scotland, and elsewhere! Protestantism made it a crime for the Priest of GOD to offer sacrifice to the ALMIGHTY! And here in free America, the reputed land of *Civil and Religious Liberty*, many outrages have been perpetrated. It was in the name of Protestantism that Catholic Churches—holy temples dedicated and con-

secrated to the worship of ALMIGHTY GOD—were burned in the City of Philadelphia, in 1844. Nor was the torch of the incendiary confined to churches and to Convents. So numerous were the residences of Catholics burned on that memorable occasion, that Protestants protected their property by marking their houses, thus: “*This house belongs to a Protestant.*” Nunneries were sacked, and holy women, consecrated to religious lives, were insulted and assaulted. In the City of Baltimore, in 1854, Rev. Father GUISTIANNI, Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was violently assaulted on the Altar in his church. So serious were the injuries which he received, that he never fully recovered. This outrage was the work of those zealous friends of Protestantism known as Know-Nothings. Old residents of Baltimore remember the efforts to destroy nunneries in that city by mob-violence. They remember the indignities and the cruelties to which ladies consecrated to religion and to the service of ALMIGHTY GOD were subjected! Prompted by religious prejudices, many similar outrages have been perpetrated in other portions of this country. Such were the cruelties resorted to by Protestantism in the blind hope of exterminating the Catholic Church, in contempt of the sacred promise of the LORD JESUS CHRIST to protect her “*to the consummation of the world.*” Who can triumph over the LORD OF HOSTS? In vain do the Devil and all his agents make the attempt! What we have written is supported by the Holy Gospels of ALMIGHTY GOD! Shall men of good will refuse to accept the authority cited? The great body of Protestants, the rank and file, deserve sympathy; they are subjects for commiseration.

They have been deceived by bad books; by books written by unprincipled men; who, like the false witness, hesitate not to misrepresent. Printed matter is seductive; especially for evil. The growth of Protestantism is a consequence of misrepresentation and the easy credulity of a numerous class of human beings who are incapable of discriminating between that which is true and that which is false. There was not any truth in Protestantism from the beginning, it having been founded upon falsehood. To the well adjusted, to the philosophical mind, Protestantism *is an abomination*, on account of its inconsistencies. While professing to preach the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST it does the work of Anti-CHRIST; it labors to destroy the religion founded by the DIVINE SAVIOUR and by HIS holy Apostles! It is visible that Protestantism is destructive of the Faith of mankind in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. It owes its life to the false allegation that the DIVINE SAVIOUR *was false to HIS sacred promise to protect HIS Church to the consummation of the world!* We have charged Protestant authors with misrepresentation. As a living proof of their disregard for truth, of their want of veracity, we will cite an indisputable instance. It is known that geographies, maps, and atlases published by Protestant authority are filled with misrepresentations. In the works mentioned, Catholic countries are designated by the term "*civilized*," while those countries in which Protestantism dominates are noted "*enlightened*." This is a libel upon Catholicism; it is a slander upon the LORD JESUS CHRIST and upon HIS holy Apostles, HIS Saints and HIS Martyrs, who, as commissioned so to do, preached the Gospel to all nations, *for fifteen hundred and seventeen*

years before the illegitimate child, Protestantism, was born!

Protestantism is indebted for whatever of life it possesses to misrepresentation. Were it to confine itself to the truth, it would *die the death!* The teachings of Protestantism—which alleges that the Church of GOD fell into error, that the gates of hell prevailed against her—pronounces Christianity a failure and the LORD JESUS CHRIST an imposter! Anti-CHRIST could not do more!

As to the celibacy of the Priesthood, it is the aim of the Holy Catholic Church that her ministers be entirely devoted to the solemn, the sacred duties of the holy Priesthood; dedicated solely to the service of ALMIGHTY GOD; and the better to fit them for the discharge of the sacred duties of the priestly office, they are separated from the world by the vows of chastity and obedience. The candidate for the Priesthood sacrifices the pleasures of this life in exchange for Holy Orders, and, thereby, manifests his worthiness. Thus, the Church enables her ministers to walk—as nearly as it is possible for man to walk—in the footsteps of JESUS CHRIST, who was not a married man. The good Priest is ever faithful to his vows. But, as there was a JUDAS among the Twelve, sometimes bad men enter the ministry. Those faithless persons break their vows in order to possess themselves of what are known as the pleasures of life. Certainly, such perjurers are not saints; yet, they are generally lionized as such by the Protestant world! The Protestant ministry is easy of access. No sacrifice is required of the candidate, therefore he makes none.

The Priest of GOD, when true to his sacred duties, when faithful to his vows and other solemn obligations—and the

great body of the Priesthood are ever true to the obligations of the priestly office—is in a condition to exclaim in the language of the Royal Prophet, thus: “*The Lord is my helper, in Him will I trust; I will not fear what man can do to me!*” It was Faith in ALMIGHTY GOD, as expressed in the language of the Psalmists that enabled the Apostles, the Saints, and the Martyrs, to willingly, nay, joyfully, to suffer martyrdom for the Christian Faith. Contrasted with the preceding, consider the fallen priest. Too late, he beholds himself! He is the most wretched of men! By his own act the fallen priest has degraded himself. He has descended from the highest eminence to the lowest depths; from the purest, the holiest, the noblest state on earth—that of mediator between GOD and man—to a position compared with which that of the murderer is more tolerable! So degraded, so hopeless, is the fallen priest that he feels that he is unworthy of charity, much less of forgiveness. He is the victim of sore regret; compared with which the pains of death an hundred fold multiplied would be more endurable! The fallen priest despises himself! He curses the day on which he was born; nay, he execrates the hour at which he was elevated to the priesthood! Such are the sensibilities, such is the remorse of the fallen priest! MARTIN LUTHER, however, was so stolid that he lost all sensibility. Compare LUTHER with JUDAS ISCARIOT. The heart of JUDAS was not hardened as was that of LUTHER. JUDAS repented, and returned the ill-gotten thirty pieces of silver to the Chief Priests and hanged himself!

Firm Faith in GOD is the base upon which Christianity rests. This Faith is found only in the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Faith enables man to believe all that the LORD JESUS CHRIST taught. When HE who Created the Heavens, the Earth, the Sea, and the Dry Land without matter, took bread into HIS sacred hands and blessed it and said: "*This is My body;*" what is the duty of man? It is to believe! Not to doubt, hesitate, question, or attempt to investigate the omnipotence of ALMIGHTY GOD! But, Protestantism being wanting in Faith, it attempts to measure the Supreme Creator by the human standard! Protestantism attempts to make man, man, who is but a worm, prince and judge over the MOST HIGH! The burden of the Holy Gospel, and that of the other Scriptures, is a continuous reproach to the faithlessness of man. How frequent the exclamations of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, to wit: "*O ye of little faith!*" The egregious, the irreconcilable contradictions visible in Protestantism, are consequences of faithlessness. It is a palpable contradiction for Protestants to allege that they believe that JESUS CHRIST was conceived by the HOLY GHOST, while denying HIS real presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Faith alone enables man to believe that THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH! The Almighty Power which wrought that tremendous work, is capable of changing the elements of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of JESUS CHRIST; as pronounced by the Divine SAVIOUR in HIS own language, thus: "*This is My body;*" "*this is My blood.*" Those who are so faithless as to refuse to believe the words of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, uttered by HIMSELF in the presence and in the hearing of many, certainly, cannot believe the salutation of the Holy Angel GABRIEL, addressed to the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY alone! Like

unto the faithless Jews, Protestants regard the words of the LORD JESUS CHRIST as though they were the words of a mere man. In their hearts, they repeat the language of the Jews, to wit: "*How can this man give his flesh to the world to eat!*" Man's deficiency is faithlessness; *his feeble rationalism*. Faith, like the power of ALMIGHTY GOD, knows no bounds. It is visible from the preceding, that the Faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church alone are in harmony with the teachings of the LORD JESUS CHRIST; while Protestantism is a compound of inconsistency and heterodoxy.

As the LORD is the only GOD, the Catholic Church alone is the Church of GOD. She possesses the Divine authority to enforce her mandates. Hear the words of the Holy Gospel: "*He that will not hear the Church let him be unto thee as a heathen and a publican.*" The commandments, the ordinances, and the rules of the Church contribute to the happiness of mankind; therefore, they are beneficial to society. She opposes divorce, the great evil of this age. The Catholic Church precludes the re-marriage of divorced persons; that is, she prohibits their forming new alliances, which is the chief motive of applicants for divorce. Of the numerous applications for divorce which burden the courts of the land, not a fourth of one per cent. of the applicants were married in the Catholic Church. It was the refusal of the Church to permit the re-marriage of King HENRY VIII., and the persistence of the sinful King in living in adultery that caused his excommunication. King HENRY thus excommunicated, as a thing of spite, patronized MARTIN LUTHER, the fallen and excommunicated monk; thus,

Protestantism was founded! In refusing divorced persons to re-marry, the Church prevents divorce, and thus protects society; protects children born and to be born. The Catholic Church is order; without her, chaos would reign. Therefore, we say unhesitatingly, in good faith, with full knowledge that we are right, and without fear of contradiction, that the more advanced man becomes, the stronger his faith in Christianity be, the more extended his knowledge, the more he sees in Catholicism to elicit his confidence, his reverence, his devotion, his obedience, his adherence, his respect and his admiration! The more we investigate Catholicism the more radiant, the more glorious it becomes! Many Protestants, while knowing that Catholicism is the true Faith are debarred from entering the Church by a combination of causes. We name: social surroundings; fear of criticism; apprehension of what neighbors might say, and fear of offending relatives, friends, and associates. This accounts for many well-disposed persons living in Protestantism. Thus, men, and women too, live in error; live as their fathers lived, and die as their fathers died outside of the pale of the only Christian Church! The matter is exceedingly grave. It is not the choice of creeds; it is the election between the eternal joys of Heaven and the never-ending torments of Hell! Behold the fearful result of human cowardice! Men, and women too, sacrifice their all through fear of comments upon their conduct! They heed not the words of the Holy Gospel, to wit: "*What profiteth a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul.*" When the priceless nature of the soul is considered, errors in religion are too serious to be

looked upon supinely. If not already in the Catholic Church, the truly intelligent person who verily believes in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, who believes that CHRIST is GOD, has no alternative save to embrace Catholicism! It were as possible to deny Christianity in toto, as to establish that the Catholic Church is not the Church of GOD! As the HOLY TRINITY is a unit, so also are Christianity and Catholicism a unity. Christianity lives in Catholicism and Catholicism lives in Christianity. They are inseparable. Were it not for Catholicism, Christianity would be a thing of the past. Mankind, therefore, are indebted to Catholicism for Christianity; for the Apostolic Succession, for the Sacred Record; for the Holy Scriptures, for the Divine traditions of the Church, and for all that give being, that gives life to Christianity. Protestantism being an illegitimate child, it has no part in the Christian heritage. Protestantism is a contradiction of the Sacred teachings and of the Sacred promises of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Behold the language of the Holy Gospel, to wit: "*He that is not with Me is against Me.*" Addressing His Apostles, the DIVINE SAVIOUR says: "*Ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*" The preceding words of the Sacred text are verified in the union of the several sects of Protestantism—and those who deny Christianity in all its forms—against Catholicism. This combination of the various discordant elements is as cowardly as it is malignant. Does not the triumph of the Catholic Church over all opposition, prove that she is supported by the boundless power of ALMIGHTY GOD?

"A faithless and perverse generation seeketh a sign."

That is, this faithless and materialistic generation asks for proof of all things, even of the being of GOD. This generation puts religion, which is Divine, on the same plane with politics. Many of the people of to-day believe that there is not any difference between churches and political parties; that it is as permissible to have two or more churches as to have two political parties. In order to illustrate, we ask, what would be the political condition of this country were there as many political parties as there are religious sects in the land? Would there not be political chaos? Is religious chaos more tolerable than political chaos? Can ALMIGHTY GOD give HIS Holy assent to religious confusion, to religious contradiction? Religion is, necessarily, *One, as God is One*. The sacred text says: "*Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is One God!*" Therefore, there is not a warrant for more than *one* form of religion, and that *one* form is the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, the only Church ordained by ALMIGHTY GOD. Every work of man is subject to destruction by man; but the work of GOD, being indestructible, it will endure always. Protestantism being the work of man, it is in the power of man to destroy it—hence our effort. In order to eradicate error, it is necessary, first, to remove the ignorance and the prejudices of men. This we have endeavored to do in the present work. Were men, and women, too, to contemplate throughout life that dread hour when demand shall be made upon them to render their final accounts to ALMIGHTY GOD, they would seek the truth with such intense desire that they would be certain to find it; and sectarian hate, prejudice, bitterness, and other wrongs would be to them

unknown. Man should so live as to be worthy to hope for eternal happiness beyond the grave. Then death would not be to him a terror. He would be able to exclaim: "*O Death! where is thy sting? O Grave! where is thy victory?*" The preceding suggestions adhered to, there would be fewer cases of death-bed repentance and of final impenitence—there would be less souls lost. "*In all thy deeds remember thy last end, and thou wilt never sin.*"

It is not necessary to devote space to the discussion of the Third Place beyond the grave, known as Purgatory. With all Catholics, Purgatory is an accepted Dogma of Faith. The faithful know that ALMIGHTY GOD, in HIS justice, could not condemn those guilty of minor offences—and who is not?—to endless torments in Hell; and they also know that none but the entirely pure can enter Heaven. Therefore, a place of purgation is indispensable. Belief in Purgatory, therefore, is not only orthodox, it is reasonable. In the existence of Purgatory, GOD'S justice and HIS mercy are alike displayed. Purgatory is the hope of man, as in it he is enabled to atone for minor offences and thus satisfy the justice of ALMIGHTY GOD. The fact that "*the just man falls seven times a day*" is conclusive proof of the necessity for Purgatory. According to the Protestant theory—denial of Purgatory—Heaven is practically closed to mankind, as but a very small portion of the human family die in an entirely pure state. Mankind, therefore, should sing canticles of praise and thanksgiving to the SUPREME CREATOR for HIS great mercy in providing Purgatory.

Consider the awe-inspiring solemnity which pervades the temples of the Catholic Church. Behold how the deportment of the worshipers comports with the sacred text, to wit: "*Reverence my Sanctuary! I am the Lord!*" Compare the solemnity of Catholic worshipers with the levity

manifested in Protestant congregations. Besides, the Protestant house of worship is blank—it presents no evidence of sanctity; it has not anything to distinguish it from an ordinary lecture hall. Catholicism, Catholic worship, and Catholic reverence are in full accord with the spirit of religion as taught by the Sacred Scriptures and as practised by the Holy Apostles of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, while Protestantism is deficient in all that pertains to Divine worship. “*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*” Catholics know that when they are in the House of GOD the place whereon they stand is holy!

A marvelous incident—one without precedent—took place in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 4th of February, 1890. The remains of a Catholic lady, daughter of a Protestant gentleman—Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State—were placed before the altar in St. Matthew's Church. A requiem mass for the repose of the soul of deceased was celebrated by Rev. FATHER SHERMAN, S. J., son of a Protestant gentleman—Gen. W. T. SHERMAN, United States Army. This incident, in the novelty of its surroundings, is peerless in history. It indicates the marvelous growth of Catholicism.

The capable, the candid, the fair-minded reader will recognize that we have adhered to the spirit and to the letter of truth throughout. We have labored with the hope of enabling our readers to ponder upon their spiritual and their temporal happiness; reminding them that all mankind must, sooner or later, yield to that despotic, that peerless power—Truth! The soul of man is his all; he is responsible to himself; therefore, we say to him—“*look thou to it.*” We have discharged our duty.

Reader, look out upon the world with eyes impelled by justice and behold whatever of sanctity, purity, charity, and integrity are visible to view; and say, To what cause they

are attributable? Are they not the fruits of the teachings, the discipline, and of the ministrations of the Holy Catholic Church? Is not the opposition which is manifested by not a few towards Catholicism attributable, entirely, to false education, injustice, prejudice, and ignorance? Reader, be just, and answer the preceding questions faithfully!

Those who refuse to espouse Catholicism refuse to avail themselves of spiritual and temporal happiness. The Church invites all, Jew and Gentile.

Why, then, do men and women too, hesitate?

Why do they refuse to accept reward so great?

Impelled in this work—which we rejoice in saying is entirely original and solely our own—by regard for truth and duty, we have charged the ministers of the various Protestant churches with the practice of *bad faith; nay, with scandalizing the LORD JESUS CHRIST!* It is their duty to set themselves right before enlightened Christendom, if it be possible for them so to do. We have acted in obedience to the sacred injunction of the Holy Apostle, ST. JUDE, to wit: “*Brethren, contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints.*”

Each and all of those who preach
That which the Holy Gospel doesn't teach,
Thereby anathematize themselves.

While not alarmists, we have raised our voice in all candor in the faithful spirit of admonition. As the watchful sentinel raises the cry of fire in the dead of night, so do we proclaim rocks ahead! It is true that while the cry of warning is not appreciated as is the voice of praise and applause, it is, nevertheless, the most meritorious of all.

In the preceding work we stand upon a rock! The Holy Word of the ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD is our base! Therefore, we defy refutation!

THE HOLY CHURCH—HER AUTHORITY.

CHRIST THE LORD *commands man* to hear the Church under penalty of excommunication. Behold the Divine authority of the Holy Church: "*Every tongue that resisteth thee, in judgment thou shalt condemn.*" The Prophets, the Evangelists, and the Apostles were guided by the Holy Spirit; therefore, their writings constitute the Sacred Scriptures; which are fitly called the WORD OF GOD. The Holy Scriptures possess no recognizable merit or distinctive excellence over the teachings of the Holy Church; the Church being guided by the same Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, by whom the Prophets, the Evangelists, and the Apostles were inspired. Therefore, the Voice of the Church is the Voice of ALMIGHTY GOD! But, there are those who ask, *what church?* We answer, the Church established by the LORD JESUS CHRIST which HE promised to protect *for all Time*; "*even to the consummation of the world.*" Therefore, she was then, is now, and will ever be, the Church of God, rising above, and distinguished from, *all alleged churches*. The Church is the work of ALMIGHTY GOD—not of man—therefore, she is indestructible. It is not possible for man, acting in good faith, to mistake the identity of the Church designated by the Divine SAVIOUR, and which HE *commands all to hear!* She is, necessarily, THE ONE, THE UNCHANGEABLE, THE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH! It is worthy of special consideration that while the Divine SAVIOUR, in His boundless wisdom, *commands man to hear the Church*, HE *does not enjoin him to read the Scriptures*; nor does HE impose a penalty upon the non-reader of the Sacred Volume; but not so as regards hearing the Church. Thus, the Holy Church is more authoritative than the Holy Bible as a teacher. She is more efficacious as an educator than the Scriptures; the Holy Church being a great living body speaking to man, face to face, by the lips of her Priests, precluding the possibility of error. The Holy Bible is the Sacred Text-Book, and the Holy Church is the only Divinely authorized teacher; the only capable expounder of God's HOLY WORD! She possesses the Divine Warrant, thus: "*Go teach all nations!*" The LORD JESUS CHRIST says to His Church: "*He that heareth you, heareth ME.*" Therefore, those who refuse to hear the Church, rebel against ALMIGHTY GOD! God is still God; HE will ever be God; His ways are unchangeable; HE will Reign forever. HE *has promised not to leave His people orphans*. It is faithlessness in man to question the promise of the ALMIGHTY. Outside of the Catholic Church, faith has not a being. "*Without faith it is impossible to please God.*" Like unto God, His Holy Church will endure forever; *she is founded upon a rock!*

In presence of the preceding, contemplate the position of those *who rejoice in protesting against the Holy Church which ALMIGHTY GOD commands all to hear!* Besides, consider the penalty which the LORD JESUS CHRIST imposes upon the disobedient, the rebellious! *He commands that they shall be looked upon as heathens and as publicans!* Yet, Protestantism *not only refuses to obey the Sacred Mandate of the LORD JESUS CHRIST—nay, it violently protests against His Sacred Injunction!* And while thus protesting against the Divine Commandment of the SAVIOUR, and against His Holy Church, Protestantism shamefully, nay, falsely, alleges that *it is the religion of JESUS CHRIST, THE PRINCE OF PEACE!* What a false pretence! What a contradiction! What an abomination! In presence of its false pretence *to be of CHRIST*, Protestantism charges the LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE HOLY ONE, THE SUPREME CREATOR, THE GREAT JEHOVAH, THE SUPREME DEITY, THE MOST HIGH GOD, THE HOLY TRINITY, THE ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, THE LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, *with misrepresentation, with false pretence, nay, with lying and with impotence;* that is, it denies His Almighty power and His integrity by alleging that He broke His sacred, His solemn promise to protect His Church *“to the consummation of the world.”*

Protestantism, from its inception, has been destructive of the faith of mankind in ALMIGHTY GOD; thus, it is a cancer upon Christianity. It has promoted unbelief—infidelity, atheism, and numerous other isms—to the great injury of religion, morals, and the general well-being of society; thus, building up the Kingdom of Satan. Well-disposed persons born in Protestantism, who believe that one form of religion is as good as another—they being indifferent as to religious truth—naturally adhere to the religion of their parents, *fascinated by the freedom* which Protestantism gives to its adherents; *its lax discipline, its “go-as-you-please” teachings.* The thoughtful, however, find that Protestantism is condemned by the letter and by the spirit of the Sacred Scriptures; nay, that it is condemned by the natural sense of man! Protestantism has abandoned the Divine teachings of the SAVIOUR, and has adopted those of the apostate LUTHER. We defy the Protestant world to confute what we state or any part thereof!

We trust that Protestants, many of whom are fair-minded persons, will appreciate our arduous labors for their religious advancement, for their spiritual enlightenment. They have as much at stake as Catholics—to wit, *the salvation of their immortal souls*—why should they be indifferent? *Religion is not a thing of option, of choice.* It is of God; it is as obligatory upon man as the Ten Commandments, delivered upon Mount Sinai! Man has no choice. There is but one God; and, necessarily, but ONE RELIGION!

EMINENT TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF CATHOLICISM.

Of the many eminent Protestants who have espoused Catholicism, we will quote two gentlemen of special distinction: Dr. O. A. BROWNSON, an American, and Doctor NEWMAN, an Englishman. We quote their own language. Ponder upon the testimony of these distinguished witnesses:

Dr. BROWNSON speaks thus: "I have been, during thirteen years of my Catholic life, constantly engaged in the study of the Church and her doctrines, and especially in their relations to philosophy, or natural reason. I have had occasion to examine and defend Catholicity precisely under those points of view which are the most odious to my non-Catholic countrymen and to the Protestant mind generally; but I have never, in a single instance, found a single article, dogma, proposition, or definition of faith, which embarrassed me as a logician, or which I would, so far as my own reason was concerned, have changed, or modified, or in any respect altered from what I found it, even if I had been free to do so. I have never found my reason struggling against the teachings of the Church, or felt it restrained, or myself reduced to a state of mental slavery. I have, as a Catholic, felt and enjoyed a mental freedom, which I never conceived possible while I was a non-Catholic. This is my experience; and, though not worth much, yet in this matter, whereof I have personal knowledge, it is worth something. This much only will I add, that, whether I am believed or not, I can say truly that, during the nearly thirteen years of my Cath-

olic experience, I have found not the slightest reason to regret the step I took. I have had much to try me, and enough to shake me, if shaken I could be, but I have not had the slightest temptation to doubt, or the slightest inclination to undo what I had done; and I have every day found new and stronger reasons to thank ALMIGHTY GOD for HIS great mercy in bringing me to the knowledge of HIS Church, and permitting me to enter and live in her communion. I know all that can be said in disparagement of Catholics. I am well versed, perhaps no man more so, in Catholic scandals, but I have not been deceived; I have found all that was promised me, all I looked for. I have found the Church all that her ministers represented her, all my imagination painted her, and infinitely more than I had conceived it possible for her to be. My experience as a Catholic, so far as the Church, her doctrines, her morals, her discipline, and her influences are concerned, has been a continuous succession of agreeable surprises." Dr. NEWMAN uses language almost similar to that employed by Dr. BROWNSON. He says: "From the day I became a Catholic to this day I have never had a moment's misgiving that the communion of Rome is that Church which the Apostles set up at Pentecost, which alone has *the 'adoption of sons, and the glory, and the covenants, and the revealed law, and the service of God, and the promises,'* and in which the Anglican communion, whatever its merits and demerits, whatever the great excellence of individuals in it, has, as such, no part. Nor have I ever for a moment hesitated in my conviction since 1845, that it was my clear duty to join that Catholic Church, as I did then join it, which in my own conscience I felt to be divine. Persons and places, incidents and circumstances of life, which belong to my first forty-four years, are deeply lodged in my memory and my affections; moreover, I have had more to try and afflict me in various ways as a Catholic than as an Anglican;

but never for a moment have I wished myself back; never have I ceased to thank my MAKER for HIS mercy in enabling me to make the great change, and never has HE let me feel forsaken by HIM, or in distress, or any kind of religious trouble."

Such is the testimony of eminent gentlemen who were once outside the Church. Let us now see what a professed unbeliever says of the Catholic Church, as he looks at her merely as a philosopher, without hatred as without love: "My criticisms of Catholicism," says Mr. MALLOCK, "are not the criticisms of a Catholic, but of a complete outsider—of a literal skeptic—who is desirous, in considering the religious condition of our time, to estimate fairly and fully the character and the prospects of the *one* existing religion that seems still capable either of appealing to or of appeasing it." "Looking," says Mr. MALLOCK, "at the Church of Rome from a strictly logical standpoint, it is hard to see how, if we believe in free-will and morality in the face of modern discoveries, which, as far as they go, show us all life as nothing but a vast machine, it is hard to see how we can consider the Church of Rome as logically in any way wounded or crippled, or in a condition, should occasion offer, to be less active than she was in the days of her most undisputed ascendancy. . . . In other words, with regard to Supernatural Religion, and Catholicism as its one form that still survives unshattered, I conceive that the imagination of the world has been to a great measure paralyzed, but that it may be seen eventually that it never has been in any way convinced, and that nothing is wanting to revive the Roman Church into stronger life than ever, but a craving amongst men for the certainty, the guidance, and the consolation that she alone offers them." Again: "If we would obtain a true view of Catholicism, we must begin by making a clean sweep of all the views that, as outsiders, we have been taught to entertain about her. We must, in the first place,

learn to conceive of her as a living spiritual body, as infallible and as authoritative now as ever she was, with her eyes undimmed and her strength not abated; continuing to grow still as she has continued to grow hitherto; and the growth of the new dogmas that she may from time to time enunciate, we must learn to see are, from her standpoint, signs of life and not signs of corruption. And further, when we come to look into her more closely, we must separate carefully the diverse elements we find in her—her discipline, her pious opinion, her theology, and her religion. Let her be once fairly looked at in this way—looked at not with any prepossession in her favor, but only without prejudice—and thus much, at least, I am firmly convinced of. I am convinced that, if it be once admitted that we belong to a spiritual world, and in that world are free and responsible agents, there will be no new difficulty encountered, either by the reason or by the moral sense, in admitting to the full the supernatural claims of Catholicism. . . . Looking simply on the world as it is, on Science as it is, on our Morality as it is, on other religions as they are, and on the Catholic Religion as it professes to be, what I have tried to show is this: that the Catholic Religion is a logical development of our natural moral sense, developed, indeed, under a special spiritual care, but essentially the same thing, with the same negations, the same assertions, the same positive truths, and the same impenetrable mysteries—the difference only being that what was always implied unconsciously is by it recognized and expressed consciously.”

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